

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A flat tube for heat exchanger, comprising:

a pair of flat face portions[[ (1) ]] parallelly opposed to each other and a pair of curved portions [[ (2) ]] connected to both ends of the flat face portions [[ (1) ]] formed with a strip-shaped metal plate bent in the width direction thereof to form into a flat cylindrical shape,

wherein the strip-shaped metal plate is coated with a brazing metal[[ (3) ]] on one surface thereof, and is bent so that the brazing metal[[ (3) ]] is positioned at the outer surface side of the cylindrical shape;

in the central position in the width direction of one of the flat face portions[[ (1) ]], a turned-up portion[[ (4) ]] is bent up to the opposed flat surface side, and the top portion[[ (5) ]] of the turned-up portion[[ (4) ]] abuts on the inner surface of the opposed surface side to form a partition within the tube;

many slits[[ (6) ]] for allowing the brazing metal to enter therethrough are formed intermittently being separated away from each other in the top portion [[ (5) ]] in the longitudinal direction thereof,

wherein the length "c" of the slit[[ (6) ]] is 2 mm to 15 mm;

the distance "e" between the edges of the neighboring slits~~[(6)]~~ is 3 mm to 10 mm; and

"e/c" is 0.6 or more.

2. (Original) The flat tube for heat exchanger according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the strip-shaped metal plate is 0.15 mm to 0.6 mm.